

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION INFORMATION

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We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding this electronic newsletter. Please e-mail Diana Brensilber at: Diana.Brensilber@state.ma.us.

Announcements

Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Equipment On July 31, 2000, The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Divisions awarded Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Equipment to 38 police departments. Of those 38, 6 departments will receive Live-scan units and 32 departments will receive card-scanning workstations. The awarded equipment will be used to electronically send criminal and applicant ten-print fingerprint cards to the State Police State Identification Section and to the FBI over the CJIS Wide Area Network (WAN). A total of 134 applications were received.

FFY 2000 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program Technical Assistance Workshop The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is sponsoring a Technical Assistance Workshop for all FFY 2000 Violence Against Women Act **grant recipients** on Friday, September 29, 2000, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM. The purpose of this workshop is to familiarize grantees with grant management and reporting requirements, to discuss issues such as Serving Underserved Populations and Victim Confidentiality, and to enhance collaborative efforts to stop Violence Against Women through networking. For further information, please call George Perkins, at 617-727-6300 ext. 25357. Attendance at this event is mandatory.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is currently seeking consultants with expertise in disproportionate minority confinement (DMC) and hate crimes. Consultants participate in peer reviews of grant proposals and reports, facilitate meetings, write articles and other documents, take part in focus groups, present at conferences, advise the agency, and perform such tasks as OJJDP may assign. OJJDP invites your recommendation of consultants with experience in administering DMC programs, providing training or technical assistance on DMC, researching DMC, evaluating State compliance with DMC goals, and consultants with experience in developing, managing, or evaluating hate crime prevention programs or in researching hate crimes. If you would like to nominate an individual for consideration as an OJJDP consultant--or wish to be considered yourself--please e-mail ojjdpconpool@ncjrs.org providing the nominee's name and address and a brief synopsis of his or her professional experience.

Combating Underage Drinking The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will air a videoconference on Friday, September 22, 2000, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT. This videoconference is designed for local, State and Federal policymakers; community leaders; law enforcement; juvenile court judges; school administrators; youth service providers; and other concerned citizens. The broadcast will:

- Describe the range of health and social problems associated with underage drinking.
- Share model approaches, strategies and methods to reduce underage drinking.
- Discuss Federal funding opportunities and the roles of governmental and nongovernmental agencies.

For further information about this videoconference or to facilitate a downlink site in your community, visit:

<http://www.juvenilenet.org/jjtap/drinking/index.html>

Title V Evaluation Report The Massachusetts Statistical Analysis Center has released the Final Report of the Juvenile Justice Evaluation Partnership Project, "Title V Delinquency Prevention Program Years 1997-1999." It is available for download on the EOPS Programs Division web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/t5eval.pdf>

Funding

From the State. . . .

FY2001 Community Policing Program <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>

Applications for the FY2001 State Community Policing grant program can be viewed and downloaded in PDF at:

<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/cp01rfr.pdf> or in Microsoft Word at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/cp01rfr.doc>.

Departments may choose to submit either: a completed **original** and **three copies** of the application in hard copy via mail or an application completed in Microsoft word format submitted electronically via e-mail to paul.jarosiewicz@state.ma.us. Departments that submit an electronic version of their application must also submit (via mail) one **original signed copy** of pages 9 and 10. Applications are due to the Programs Division by **5:00 PM, Tuesday, August 29, 2000**.

[From the Federal Government. . . .](#)

Gang-Free Communities Program <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/sl000427.pdf>

This program provides funding for up to 12 communities to replicate OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model which addresses the youth gang problem through five interrelated strategies including: community mobilization; social intervention; opportunities provision; suppression/social control; and organizational change and development.

Application Deadline: September 1, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Local units of government

Maximum Award Amount: \$150,000

Number of Awards Made: Up to 12

Grant Period: 1 year

Comprehensive Gang Model: An Enhanced School/Community Approach to Reducing Youth Gang Crime

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/sl000427.pdf>

This program will support up to four demonstration sites (communities) in a planning and assessment process for applying and eventually implementing the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model. The process will comprehensively address gang crime and related problems in the community, with a special emphasis on these problems in the community's schools.

Application Deadline: September 15, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: A joint application will be required by a local unit of government and a local school district or districts.

Maximum Award Amount: \$150,000

Number of Awards Made: Up to 4

Grant Period: One year

Research and Statistics

"Prisoners in 1999" According a recent report, during 1999 the number of female prisoners in the United States rose by 4.4%, greater than the increase in male prisoners (3.3%). On December 31, 1999, State prisons were operating between 1% and 17% above capacity, while Federal prisons were operating at 32% above capacity. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/p99.htm>

"Gun Deaths Among Children and Teens Drop Sharply" Gun deaths among children and teens declined significantly between 1997 and 1998. 3,792 children and adolescents under age 20 died in 1998 from firearms, down 10 percent from 4,223 in 1997 and down 35 percent from the high of 5,833 in 1994. This translates into a drop from 16 deaths per day in 1994 to 10 deaths per day in 1998. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/00news/00news/finaldeath98.htm>

"America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2000" In 1999, there were 70.2 million children under age 18, representing 26 percent of the population. The poverty rate for children dropped from 19 percent in 1997 to 18 percent in 1998. In 1998, the serious violent crime offending rate for youth was 27 crimes per 1,000 adolescents ages 12 to 17, totaling 616,000 such crimes involving juveniles--a drop by more than half from the 1993 high, and the lowest level since data were first collected in 1973. <http://www.childstats.gov/>

"Data Snapshot: Drug Abuse in America, June 2000" Cocaine use is down 70 percent from its peak of 5.7 million users in 1985 to 1.7 million in 1998. There is also a 50 percent reduction in current marijuana use, from 23.8 million users in 1979 to 11 million in 1998. The rate of past month use of any illicit drug among 12-17 year olds declined from 11.4 percent in 1997 to 9.9 percent in 1998, the first statistically significant drop in four years. Yet, for the age group 18-25, the current rate of any illicit drug use in 1998 is significantly higher at 16 percent as compared to 13 percent in 1994. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/presentations.html>

"Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings From the National Violence Against Women Survey" Nearly 25 percent of surveyed women and 7 percent of surveyed men said they were raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabiting partner, or date at some time in their lifetime. Almost 5 percent of surveyed women and .6 percent of surveyed men report being stalked. Women living with female intimate partners experience less intimate partner violence (11%) than women living with male intimate partners (30%). Men living with male intimate partners experience more intimate partner violence (15%) than do men who live with female intimate partners (7%). <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/181867.pdf>

"Special Education and the Juvenile Justice System." As many as 20 percent of students with emotional disabilities are arrested at least once before they leave school, as compared to 6 percent of all students. By the time youth with emotional disturbances have been out of school for 3 to 5 years, 58 percent have been arrested. Similarly, by the time youth with learning disabilities have been out of school for 3 to 5 years, 31 percent have been arrested. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/179359.pdf>

"Kidnapping of Juveniles: Patterns from NIBRS" Using 1997 NIBRS data, analysis reveals that juvenile kidnappings are relatively uncommon; making up less than 2 percent of all violent crimes against juveniles reported to police. In family kidnapping incidents, perpetrators are usually parents (80 percent), stranger perpetrators are predominately male and adults (95 percent and 90 percent respectively), and acquaintance kidnapping has the largest proportion of juvenile offenders (30 percent). Young people abducted by acquaintances are predominantly female (72 percent). Twenty-four percent of the acquaintance kidnappings led to a victim injury, compared with 16 percent of the stranger kidnappings and 4 percent of the family abductions. Forty-one (41) percent of

all juvenile kidnappings occurs in the afternoon between noon and 6 p.m. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/181161.pdf>

"The 1999 Annual Report on Drug Use Among Adult and Juvenile Arrestees" The 1999 Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) Program collects data from more than 30,000 adult male arrestees in 34 sites, 10,000 female arrestees in 32 sites, 2,500 male juvenile detainees in 9 sites, and 400 female juvenile detainees in 6 sites. Marijuana was the most frequent drug detected among adult males, and cocaine was the most frequently detected in adult females. Marijuana use was more than 6 times higher than cocaine use for both juvenile males and females. Significant differences in drug use were found city by city, indicating the importance of tracking patterns on a local level to be able to tailor drug-control approaches to local needs. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/181426.pdf>

"Probation and Parole in 1999" The number of adult men and women under the supervision of Federal, state and local correctional authorities rose to a record 6.3 million in 1999. At year-end 1999, there were approximately 3.7 million adults on probation and 712,700 on parole. Twenty-two percent of all probationers in 1999 (up from 18 percent in 1990) and 12 percent of those on parole (up from 8 percent in 1990) were women. More than one-third of probationers and almost half of parolees were black and almost two-thirds of probationers and more than half of parolees were white in 1999. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pp99pr.pdf>

"Juvenile Vandalism, 1997" In 1997, law enforcement agencies made an estimated 136,500 arrests of persons under age 18 for vandalism. These juvenile arrests represented 44 percent of all arrests for vandalism. The 1997 juvenile vandalism arrest rate peaked at age 16 and then declined for each subsequent age. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200010.pdf>

"Homicide and Suicide Rates Associated With Implementation of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act" Based on the assumption that the greatest reductions in fatal violence would be within states that were required to institute waiting periods and background checks, implementation of the Brady Act appears to have been associated with reductions in the firearm suicide rate for persons aged 55 years or older, but not with reductions in homicide rates or overall suicide rates. This reduction in suicides for persons aged 55 years or older was much stronger in states that had instituted both waiting periods and background checks than in states that only changed background check requirements. <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v284n5/full/joc91749.html>

Resources

"Hate Crime Resources" This comprehensive online resource offers a compilation of the latest available information and statistics on hate and bias crime. Use this guide to find current information on recent hate crime initiatives, facts and figures on hate crime, current legislation on hate crime, available online and print topical publications, current programs in place to combat hate crime, training and technical assistance, grants and funding opportunities, and websites that offer additional information on hate crime. Visit: http://www.ncjrs.org/hate_crimes/hate_crimes.html

"Law Enforcement Training Database Web Site" The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) offers an online catalog of the latest in federally funded and supported training programs. The database locates course descriptions for more than 650 training programs available from providers throughout the U.S. and finds the most current contact information on training programs for all State and local law enforcement agencies. <http://bjatraining.aspensys.com/>

"Responding to Hate Crimes: A Police Officer's Guide to Investigation and Prevention" This guide explains the differences between hate incidents and hate crimes and how to respond to each. This guide lists steps officers should take at the scene, factors that indicate a hate crime may have been committed, and ways for police to offer effective support to hate crime victims and the community throughout the investigation and prosecution processes. <http://www.theiacp.org/pubinfo/Pubs/hatecrime.htm>

"Deana's Fund" Deana's Fund is a relationship violence prevention organization that develops and produces comprehensive educational theatre programs for diverse audiences to promote healthy relationships among peers, partners and families. The Yellow Dress play is a dramatic account of a young woman's life whose dreams are cut short when a seemingly idyllic relationship escalates into violence, and is primarily designed for high schools, colleges, and community performances. Remote Control is an interactive three-person play that focuses on early warning signs of abusive relationships and promotes a strong bystander approach to violence prevention and intervention, and is appropriate for middle, high school and community audiences. Doin' the Right Thing! is for elementary students and explores issues of teasing, bullying and harassment. <http://www.deanasfund.com/>

TeenCentral.net <http://www.teencentral.net> helps teens deal with substance abuse, violence and other stresses brought on by society and peers. According to **KidsPeace** <http://www.kidspeace.org>, only 20 percent of American teens say they feel completely comfortable talking about difficult issues with their parents, while 65 percent think they are the only person they can count on to solve their problems. TeenCentral.net provides links to several problem areas, including illicit drugs and alcohol, teen violence and remarriage. The site features a discussion area where teens can connect with peers facing similar problems.

"The Incredible Years Parents, Teachers, and Children Training Series" A growing number of children are experiencing conduct problems--aggression, noncompliance, and defiance--and at earlier ages. Because these problems may predict delinquency, violence, and other antisocial behavior, escalating aggression in preschool and elementary school children is a particular cause for concern. This training program is designed to prevent, reduce, and treat conduct problems among children ages 2 to 10 and to increase their social competence. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/173422.pdf>

"An unlocked gun could be the death of your family. Please lockup your gun." The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) has launched a public service advertising (PSA) campaign urging Americans to store their firearms securely in order to reduce the threat of injury and death to children and adults. Tips are provided on firearm safety, storage safety, and gun locks. <http://www.unloadandlock.com/>

"The Foundation Center Proposal Writing Seminar" The seminar is geared toward nonprofit staff, board members and volunteers who want to learn how to create effective, compelling grant proposals. The seminar covers proposal writing techniques; essential components of a grant proposal package; fine-tuning a proposal to match a particular grantmaker's interests; crucial follow-through procedures; and up-to-date advice from foundation and corporate grantmakers.

<http://fdncenter.org/marketplace/training/proposal.html>

Tuesday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dorothy Quincy Suite, John Hancock Hall

180 Berkley Street, Boston, MA

\$195 per attendee

Contact Information

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Department of Justice agency web sites:

NCJRS <http://www.ncjrs.org/>

OJP <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

BJA <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

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